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he was dwelling within reach of
Galerius. Constantine, however, Maximian
had better **success**. He gave him his
daughter Fausta in mar-

and incited him to attack Galerius,
who at once

his troops off into Illyria, after laying
waste Transpadane region with fire and
sword. **Some** very curious stories are
told in connection

this expedition of Galerius.

Lactantius **declares** that he invaded Italy
with the intention of ^{^>}ctln.guishing the
Senate and butchering the people **of**
[Rome; that he found the gates of all the
cities **sh.u.t** against him; and discovered
that he had not "**broxight** sufficient
troops with him to attempt a **siege** of the
capital. "He had never seen Rome/*

Lactantius naively, " and thought it was not
bigger than the cities with which he was fa-
nnilia.r." Galerius was, it is true, a rough
soldier of **the** ca.mp, but it is ludicrous to
suppose that he was **riot** fully cognisant
of the topography and the fortifications
of Rome. Then we are told that some **of**
tlae legions were afflicted with scruples
at the **Idea** of being called to fight for a
father-in-law **a.ga.inst** his son-in-law—as
though there were **prohibited** degrees in
hatreds—and shrank as Roman **soldiers**
from the thought of moving to the
assault **of R_ome**. And, as a finishing
touch to this most extraordinary canvas,
Lactantius paints into it the **figure** of
Galerius kneeling at the feet of his
soldiers, **praying** them not to betray him,
and offering them **large** rewards. We do
not recognise Galerius in **suctt** a guise.
Again, an unknown historian, of work
only a few fragments survive, says that